# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COAL
# LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:151
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ALLOCATION OF COAL BLOCKS TO NTPC
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**Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government has decided to allocate seven major coal blocks to the National Thermal Power Corporation ( NTPC) to complete its expansion and greenfield projects on time;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the terms and conditions on which exploration work has been assigned to the NTPC; and

(c) the extent to which the Coal India Limited ( CIL) is likely to be benefited therefrom?

## Answer

MINISTER OF COAL (SHRI SHIBU SOREN )

(a)to(c) : A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement referred to in answer to parts (a) to (c ) of the Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 151 asked by Shri Nikhil Kumar and Shri Adhtr Chaudhary for answer on 01.03.2006 regarding allocation of Coal blocks to NTPC.

(a) & (b) : Yes, Sir. The following seven coal blocks have been allocated to M/s National Thermal Power Corporation ( NTPC) in January, 2006:

(i) Talaipalli

(ii) Kerandari

(iii) Chattibariatu

(iv) Chhatrasal

(v) Dutanga

(vi) Brahmini

(vii) Chichro

(viii) Patsimal
In respect of Kerandri, Chattibariatu, Chhatrasal and Dulanga and Talaipalli blocks, M/s NTPC has been asked to approach CMPDIL for geological report. In respect of Brahmini and Chichro Patsimai coal blocks, Coal India Limited (C1L) and M/s NTPC will decide jointly on how the detailed exploration would be undertaken.

(c) : CIL will benefit to the extent that it will hold 50% share in the development of Brahmini and Chchro Patsimal coal blocks. If any surplus coal is left after meeting the coal requirement of Kahalgaon and Farakha expansion projects, this will be used for power production by the joint venture company, and CIL will have equal share in that. Development of coal blocks by NTPC will also ease the pressure of coai demand on CIL, and CIL would thus be able to meet the requirement of other consumers.